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## **WOMAN SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING EMPLOYER OF UP TO \$350,000**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City woman was sentenced in federal court today for defrauding her employer by making company checks payable to herself and her creditors.

**Angeline P. Washington**, 39, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to one year and one day in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 31, 2003, **Washington** pleaded guilty to charges contained in an information, which was filed in Kansas City federal court the same day. By pleading guilty, she admitted that she embezzled funds from Tin Masters, a construction firm that specializes in subcontracting, between 1996 and May 2001, in Kansas City. During the course of the scheme, **Washington** defrauded her employer by making checks payable to herself and her creditors by forging the signatures of an officer at the business with signatory authority.

As a result of the scheme, she wrote checks in an amount greater than \$200,000 but not greater than \$350,000.

One of the checks involved in the scheme was dated March 5, 2001, and written on the account of Tin Master, Inc., for \$8,975.25. The check was made payable to **Washington**, Graves said.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall.

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